Galway Community Garden

A University Community Partnership

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The Partnering Process

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Scoping

identify needs → gather information → consult with all potential partners → build a vision for the project.

Community Garden Project

Meet the needs of service users with diverse needs
Focus on one vision rather than smaller projects
Students and community sharing skills
“To create a space which will facilitate those involved coming together as a community. By developing a sustainable garden, we aim to promote wellbeing through engagement in purposeful activity”

(3rd Year OT Class, 2012)


Engagement in Outdoor Environments

Benefits

- Increased Socialisation
- Decreased feelings of Isolation
- Improved Wellbeing and Health
- Multisensory Environment
- Improved Mood
- Group Cohesion
- Promote Creativity

(Tan, 2009; Brawley, 2007; Henwood, 2003)
University of Vic

Images: Galway Community Garden (2014)

2. Identifying

(Tennyson, 2004)
Identifying

Identifying partners for the project → Getting partners involved → Maintaining engagement

Effective Communication with Partners

- Communication Forums (Walker et al, 2011)
- Method of Correspondence
Advisory Committee

Benefits of Advisory Committee

- Overcoming barriers of time and resources
- Take responsibility for overseeing goals and objectives
- Reflect and feed back to all members

“empower members, improve organisation and communication, and enhance sustainability and engagement”

- Fraser et al, (2006)
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(Institutionalising, 2004)

Building

Agree on goals and objectives
Agree core principles
Draw on partners' strengths and experience

Working Relationship
Barriers to Partnership

- Imbalance of Power
- Limited Resources
- Inadequate Communication
- Loss of momentum and continuity


4. Planning

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On-campus Meetings

Workshops

PLANNING

Code of Ethics

Meet & Greet

“I made lots of new friends.”

“It was the best day of my life.”
Galway Community Garden Website

Completely Automated Public Turing test to Tell Computers and Humans Apart (CAPTCHA)

Typical Example:

![Typical Example Image](http://help.wildapricot.com/display/DOC46/Blog+pages)
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Modification on website:

5. Managing

(Tennyson, 2004)
Partners explore **structure** and **management** of their partnership throughout the project.

Image: [http://www.ipmglobal.net/img/ipm-guys-gears.jpg](http://www.ipmglobal.net/img/ipm-guys-gears.jpg)

6. Resourcing

(Tennyson, 2004)
Resourcing involves identifying and mobilising the resources that all partners can offer.
Overall it is important to remember this garden project is about the process, not just the product.

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